

AT THE WHITE CITY

Maj. J. W. Long Writes His Impressions of the Fair.

WHAT HE SAW AND HEARD

Insistent Suggestions for an International and Majestic Visit to the Fair.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. Johnson Park, Saturday, June 17.—Acting on advice given by George Dallman in his entirely original and startling manner to "go now" to the world's fair, your correspondent took the "dyer" on Tuesday morning and after a pleasant ride arrived safely in this city. I do not know that it was intended as a sight, but as soon as I arrived H. R. H. the Princess Eugenia left.

Now that I am here I would reinforce the advice given by the general passenger agent of the Chicago & West Michigan, for if everybody would come now they would avoid the crowd. Now that I am here I propose to give some advice and the first will be of what to wear. And here I will refer to the advice given by "Uncle George Dallman." Do not bring a trunk. You do not need purple and fine linens, especially if you belong to the gentler sex. You see this is a cosmopolitan affair, and people do not care nor will they observe what you have on, who you are or where you come from; they will all come here to see the fair, and not to look at you. The best way to come in is to wear a short walking dress and a hat which will keep the sun off. Should you wish to go to the theatre, wear your walking dress and hat, and you will see several dapper darlings of millonaires dressed about the same.

How to Get to the Fair.

The best way to go to the grounds is by the elevated road and then to stick to the train until the conductor sings out "Jackson Park." This lands you near the administration building; fare, 5 cents; or you can go by the Illinois Central to Fifty-seventh street, and that lands you near the state buildings, and especially the one erected by Michigan, where you can make yourself at home. The fare by this route is 18 cents. On arriving at the grounds take some point of departure or rendezvous and stick to it through the fair. The cry of exertion so often heard, I have found to have no foundation. In fact, there are numerous places on the grounds and in the buildings wherein can refresh himself. They have a system of lunch counters in most of the buildings called "Wallingtons," which is a great point in a very moderate sum, say from 20 cents up to \$1, you can procure a luncheon, which is served there. In the women's building there is a cafe also in the manufacturing building. In the latter the meals are either served table d'hote or a la carte, the latter style being used in the woman's building. You can spend as much as you please or live very cheaply, and there is no extortion practiced that I have been able to discover.

One's First Impression.

Standing at the front of the administration building and looking out upon the "court of honor" the sight is one never to be forgotten. It is so perfectly beautiful that it seems as if one were transplanted to fairy land, and that the lovely spectacle can hardly be real. I am not going to try in this letter to describe in detail, but merely refer to it as superbly grand; new in which the units of architecture surrounding and effects are blended into a perfect whole. Of dazzling white, what might be a monotonous sameness is relieved by the placed waters of the lagoon on which the Venetian gondoliers propel their gondolas full of delighted passengers, in what always proves to be a restful and instructive ride.

There are no severe outlines, but plinth architecture, gargoyle or caryatid serves to soften all effects, and to look at the scene it seems as if Aladdin had once more summoned the genii of the lamp to build not only a place but a magic city for his beautiful princess. Where I Started.

I started from the administration building. The reason I started from there was that I wished to interview a gentleman there, Major Handy, on the subject of dispensing with the formality of forfeiting over 30 cents every time my active imagination might impel me to visit the fair.

On reaching the office I found Mr. Frank Bigler, a young gentleman of the liveliest disposition I ever encountered, trying in a pleasant way, but with an exhausted look on his face, to satisfy a double row of editors in regard to the reason why they could not have a pass right off. Presenting my credentials I told him I would have some mercy on him and wait while he looked at me kindly and wrung my hand in thoughtfulness. You see they have the walls pasted all over with newspapers, so I took a chair and began reading the exchanges. I became quite interested in a story published in a Greek paper, but just as this seemed to be approaching I ran against that old chestnut: "To be continued." I then faced a German periodical, but found some of the jokes heavier than Krupp's gun and switched off to a paper published in Naples. It was quite piquant and I know I must have smiled, but when I struck a funny story in a Chinese newspaper, published weekly and backward with its capital letters standing up in a row like steamer, I laughed outright, and just then I was made comfortable by another document in English.

Mr. Bigler has what I should call the easiest place to fill on the grounds, and how he manages to prevent himself from taking some man's life in more than I can understand.

A Scheme for Seeing.

The better way to do is to adopt some system of sight-seeing. There are three groups to see from—the world's fair buildings, the Midway Milestone and the state buildings. A single admission of ten cents admits to everything excepting the side shows in the Midway, as it is called. If one tries to take the buildings as they come to them, the result will be a bewildering chaos of nothingness, save feet, a headache and an insatiate desire to commit suicide and disappear from the public gaze. The exposition buildings consist of the administration building, agricultural building, anthropological building, art building, dairy building, electricity building, fisheries building, forestry building, horticultural building, machinery hall, manufactures and liberal arts, mines and mining building, transportation building, United States government building, women's building. Under this head can also be classified the buildings erected by foreign nations, in which are displayed the indigenous productions. These are New South Wales, Great

Britain, the U.S., Canada, etc.

The next question.

The number of the different stores and buildings is becoming more numerous each day, for here in the general exhibition there is no position comparative in the number of exhibits, except, much perhaps and other departments and thus compete to meet again at some stated hour. The way is easy. At every corner, in fact everywhere, can be seen one of the Columbia guards, who generally gives full directions as to facilities. If you become exhausted there are wheel chairs, propelled by young men, for 10 cents an hour; there is the inter-mural railway, making a complete tour of the grounds, for 10 cents; the electric launches, and gondolas skimming through the lagoons under bridges, past buildings, through groves, for 50 cents. If you do not wish them, go to the art gallery, a never ending source of interest and pleasure, take a seat and see the beauties.

Leave the Kids at Home.

Don't bring Algernon or Euphemia with you. I use those names in a descriptive sense for the small boy or girl. They will not appreciate the bewilderment, and their inordinate demands for extraordinary supplies are calculated to drive the ordinary parent frantic. They can't keep up and insist on going to sleep in the middle of the day. They want peanuts and candy just as you are somewhere about a mile from their abode, and they are always wanting to go somewhere or do something out of the regular order. Leave the dear child at home with your mother-in-law, aunt, in the hospital. Women's home, chain them up in the attic, or make some arrangements for their care, and when you return bring them some pictures of the world's fair. Come with mad shoes prepared to walk and see; to keep going, for in all your life you will never again see anything to compare with it.

General Remarks.

In this letter I have merely attempted to give a general outline of the fair. Do not fail to see it. The expense account can be brought to the minimum, but when you do come, prepare yourself just as you would for a campaign. After I see more of it, I am going to try and schedule a trip for from three to fourteen days. There are many impressions crowded upon the thinker as he views the magnificent sight either in detail or the tout ensemble. He is proud to be a citizen of such a glorious country, and our flag never looks grander than when floating in the summer breeze, surrounded by heroes of the nations of the whole world. The world is at peace. Columbia has invited all the nations to come and help her celebrate, and they are within her gates, and not only that they have brought the products of their different countries with them. It incites not only a feeling of thankfulness that one is a citizen of this country, but also that he belongs to such a grand world, a unit in an aggregation which has accomplished so much.

It incites a feeling of thankfulness to the Supreme Being who has given his children such a beautiful world and furnished it with so many useful and pleasant things.

It is worth a four years in college in an educational sense. Here are object lessons that the world has laid at our feet, that it has cost millions upon millions to exhibit. The fabled wealth of the Indies is here, and from the off-shores of Russia to the golden shores of Italy; from the Arctic seas to the southern oceans are displayed the fruits of the harvest; the machinery formed from the subtle mind of man; the flowers of poetry and painting; the imagery portrayed by statue and one finds like enchanting like Monte Cristo. The world is mine.

ATHLETIC CLUB ONCE MORE.

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Grand Rapids Savings Bank.

Semi-annual dividend No. 40. The

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no place do they show to better

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JOAN W. LOUW,

* Traffic Manager,

Detroit, Mich.

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the name of a newspaper just issued,

giving valuable information regarding the agricultural, mineral and other resources of South Dakota.

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for a desirable location, or interested in

obtaining information concerning the diversified resources of South Dakota,

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Mr. Knott & Co. will pay to

comes in residence, \$100 per day.

Currier & Juilliard, 14 and 17 R.

Chest street, Chicago.

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